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Rutger Friberg Earns MMR 319

Rutger Friberg was born 1945 in Stockholm, Sweden and started his interest in Model Railroading in 1953 with an HO layout based upon Trix and Fleischmann. He and his brother built two more layouts during from 10 to 15 years old, when other interests got their attention.

Since 1973 Rutger has worked for the largest Swedish Vehicle manufacturer and lives in Gothenburg. His interest in model railroading appeared again in 1974 when he obtained space and resources to build a 15 x 7 ft H0 layout. That was followed later by layouts in Z, N and large scale. Rutger's main interest has been on building cars and engines with functionality such as operating boom or pantographs; during the last 20 years these have been remotely controlled functions, and during the last 10 years the focus has been on digital control (DCC and Marklin Motorola).

In 1982 Rutger started writing about his hobby in the Swedish hobby magazine *Allt om Hobby* where he remains a monthly contributor. During the last seven years he has also contributed with Articles in American and German hobby magazines.

In the mid-80s Rutger wrote his first book, *Model Railroad Electronics*, in Swedish and later with translation into English. He has since written nine books, seven of them have been translated into English and are available in the United States. One of his more well known books is the *Digital Command Control* book which he co-authored with Stan Ames and Ed Loizeaux.

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In Sweden Rutger was honored with membership in the Gothenburg Model Railroad Club MRW in 1996 and designed the digital Crane car for Roco that same year. An international Jury awarded "Model of the Year" to this product in 1997, and a digital Harbour Crane he created the following year, was awarded same prize in 1999. In 2002 Rutger was awarded the Swedish Hall-of-Fame for his input to and Ambassador for the Hobby.

Rutger joined NMRA 1992 and presented his first clinics on DCC at the Columbus convention. He was also a founding member of the NMRA DCC Working Group and performed numerous Convention Clinics during the following years. He initiated the NMRA Junior College Program 1997 and became the JCP-director from 1998 until 2003. Since 1992 Rutger has been the NMRA Technical Department Chair.

Rutger has earned Certificates of Achievement in Master Builder Power, Master Builder Cars, Master Builder Structures, Master Builder Scenery, Master Railroad Engineer Electrical, Association Official, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.